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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: JAT INTEREST IN SCHEDULED SERVICES TO US

REF : STATE 267958

1. JAT DIRECTOR GENERAL RADISAVJEVIC HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS BILATERAL CIVAIR MATTERS, NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED JANUARY 6, 1976.

2. OFFICIAL OF YUGOSLAV DIRECTORATE GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT RADISAVJEVIC INTENDS ASK AMBASSADOR'S SUPPORT FOR SPEEDY USG APPROVAL OF JAT'S APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT -- SO THAT JAT CAN BEGIN SCHEDULED SERVICE TO US IN APRIL 1976.

3. SAME OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY THAT RADISAVJEVIC PROBABLY WILL BASE PITCH FOR AMBASSADOR'S SUPPORT ON THREE POINTS:

- A. IMPROVING US-YUGOSLAV BILATERAL RELATIONS;
- B. JAT'S PAST PURCHASE AND PROSPECTIVE FUTURE ACQUISITION, INCLUDING WIDE-BODIED, OF US MANUFACTURED AIRCRAFT;
- C. LOGICAL QUID PRO PUO FOR PAN AM'S SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT FROM YUGOSLAVS.

4. AMBASSADOR WANTS MAKE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO RADISAVJEVIC AND EMBASSY REQUESTS WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON FOLLOWING
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SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

A. MIGHT IT BE USEFUL FOR AMBASSADOR TO RAISE COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES OF US CARRIER IN YUGOSLAVIA, ESPECIALLY INABILITY SELL TICKETS FOR DINARS, AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN USG CONSIDERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S APPLICATION?

B. IS WASHINGTON AWARE OF OTHER US CARRIER INTERESTS IN SECURING REASONABLY COMPETITIVE POSITION IN YUGOSLAVIA BEYOND TICKETING AND SCHEDULING ISSUES THAT ARE STRESSED BY PAN AM'S REPRESENTATIVE HERE?

C. TO WHAT EXTENT IS PAN AM'S SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT IN YUGOSLAVIA, ITSELF ALREADY A QUID PRO QUO, FOR JAT RIGHTS UNDER NONSCHEDULED AIR AGREEMENT. WOULD YUGOSLAVIA'S CANCELLATION OF PAN AM'S SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT ENTITLE US TO REDUCE JAT CHARTER RIGHTS?

5. IF WASHINGTON FORESEES PROBABLE APPROVAL OF SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT SOME TIME IN 1976, EMBASSY BELIEVES AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH RADISAVJEVIC IS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY MAKE CASE FOR USG AND US CARRIER INTERESTS PERHAPS IN RETURN FOR SPEEDIER PROCESSING OF APPLICATION. IF ON OTHER HAND US AVIATION POLICY AS SPELLED OUT IN STATE 267958 INDICATES USG PROBABLY WILL NOT APPROVE SPECIAL OPERATING PERMIT FOR JAT IN 1976, AMBASSADOR WOULD EXPLAIN USG POLICY TO RADISAVJEVIC AND IN THIS EVENT WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON POINT (C) PARA 4 ABOVE WOULD BE IMPORTANT.

6. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTEL ALSO APPRECIATED.
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